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City of Temple Names City Manager



TEMPLE, TX – November 13, 2014 – At a special called City Council meeting this morning, the Temple City Council named Jonathan Graham to serve as City Manager in a permanent capacity. Mr. Graham has served as the interim City Manager since the retirement of David Blackburn last August.

“Jonathan Graham has been an amazing leader for the City in his role as City Attorney and he has proven in a short time he will be a great City Manager,” states Temple Mayor Danny Dunn. “Jonathan not only has great enthusiasm for the job, but also the experience and the history to lead us down our current path to continued growth and success. I am extremely excited about the City’s future with Jonathan at the helm.”

Mayor Pro Tem Russell Schneider has worked with Mr. Graham for 11 years and has “all the confidence in the world appointing him as City Manager. He is extremely engaged, knows how Temple operates, knows the players and has no learning curve. It is exciting that he showed interest in taking on the position permanently.”

Councilmember Perry Cloud says that he had been anticipating a long and extensive process to find the perfect person to lead our great city into the future. “In the interim role as City Manager, Jonathan has gone beyond my expectations with his visionary leadership skills. Not only has he proven his love for the City of Temple and desire to be part of our exciting future, but he has a

strong passion for all citizens and employees of our great community. Jonathan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that would take years for a new person to develop. This is exciting to see Jonathan lead us into the future.”

“Appointing Jonathan as the City Manager was an easy decision,” states Councilmember Tim Davis. “Jonathan has served the citizens of the City for over 25 years as the City Attorney. He has extensive knowledge regarding the planning and implementation of all of our major projects like the Hawn renovation, East Side redevelopment, and the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan. To be able to promote someone with such specific knowledge and emotional investment is invaluable to the citizens of Temple and the City Council.”

Councilmember Judy Morales adds that she believes “Mr. Graham’s experience and commitment to the betterment of our City is second to none. His leadership will take our whole City to the next level of growth and prosperity.”

“It is exciting and rewarding to know that the city has strong people that are able to rise into key positions when called upon,” adds Councilmember Cloud. “This shows the depth of talent the City of Temple has in all departments. This will be the third “internal” promotion that we’ve seen in my time on the council.”

Mr. Graham previously served as City Attorney, a position that he has held since March 1989. He is a graduate of Trinity University with a B.S. in Business Administration and the University of Texas School of Law. Graham says, “The past few months serving as City Manager on an interim basis have been among the most rewarding and challenging of my career. I appreciate the confidence the City Council has shown in making the appointment permanent. I am excited about the great challenge before me, and the opportunity to work with a great staff. We have a number of exciting projects underway that will change the face of our community over the next few years. I welcome the opportunity to see those projects to fruition. Working with Kayla Landeros as City Attorney gives me an added measure of confidence.”

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